

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
February 13, 2008

Present

Maureen Buckley, Chairman & Commissioner  
Gary Kubik, Commissioner  
Chuck Rage, Commissioner  
John Gebhart, Treasurer

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

James Squires, President of Professional Firefighters of Hampton Local 2664 came forward. He explained that their organization takes great pride in providing community service programs. Some programs that are included are a scholarship, blood pressure clinics, medical information cards, toy bank, and many more. Mr. Squires asked that our citizens support Warrant Articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 at the election on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Fireworks**

John True, Fire Prevention Officer for the Hampton Fire Department, came forward. He said that Warren Pierce does a very safe shoot. Mr. True said a meeting should be set up with the Police Department, Fire Department, the Precinct and Mr. Pierce to make sure all is agreed upon for this year. Mr. True distributed a Fireworks Display Inspection Checklist. Mr. True discussed the Fire Prevention newsletter. This newsletter comes out quarterly. He invited the Precinct to include anything they wish. Newsletters were handed out at the Deliberative Session and at the schools.

Gary Kubik will represent the Precinct at the above referenced meeting.

**Fire Department**

Hank Lipe, Chief of the Hampton Fire Department, said he would like to give a brief presentation on the two fire station proposals that will be on the warrant on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The proposals are for a new smaller sub-station at the beach and a safety services building in downtown Hampton which will be an emergency operations center.

Chief Lipe discussed the beach station. It is 8,800 square feet with four bays and a decontamination room on the first level. On the second level there will be a storage area, kitchen, day room and crew room. This is a basic heavy duty fire station that will be here for a long time. The elevation will be raised so as to prevent flooding. This is Warrant Article #7. The amount is \$2,211,100.

Chief Lipe then discussed the uptown station. This will be located where the existing fire station now stands. There will be two original bays from the old station and four more

bays and an administrative center. He has been working with the newly formed Hampton Energy Commission. The building will contain a decontamination room, walk-in medical aid, storage, day room, crew quarters, reporting and work area, dispatch center and training room. There will be administrative offices for the Planning and Building Departments and the Conservation Commission. There will be a fire administration area and a fire prevention area. This is Warrant Article #6. The amount is \$4,576,250.

Mr. Rage asked what would happen if only one of these warrant articles is passed. Chief Lipe replied that if the uptown station passed, it would be okay. However, if only the beach station passed, there would be a problem due to lack of administrative space.

Chief Lipe said this is a good time to build these stations because interest rates are low and material costs have stabilized.

Linda Gebhart asked if an effort to conserve energy would be made such as using solar panels. Chief Lipe said they will be looking at energy savings and have decided to use radiant heating.

### **Sandsculpture**

Greg Grady came forward. He presented this year's budget for \$65,000. He said it is less than 10% higher than last year's budget. The increase is due to increased fuel and electrical costs. Mr. Grady said people will be coming from many places to participate. Some are coming from California, Texas, Florida and British Columbia.

Mr. Grady said he helps program this event, but there are many others who help such as DRED, the Town, Fire Department, Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, etc. Mr. Grady said he would like to show appreciation to all of these. He also noted that Maureen Buckley was an outstanding help last year.

Mr. Grady said they are looking for sponsors. Anyone interested should contact Brenda Lewis at 746-2989 or Mr. Grady at 929-6301.

**Moved** by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to increase the Sandsculpture budget for 2008 to \$65,000.

**Vote:** 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Entertainment**

Jack Knox said that the entertainment would begin on Memorial Day weekend and go every night until Labor Day weekend. Mr. Knox said this entertainment was funded by

the Precinct and they are recognized with a banner at the stage. This is a 100 year tradition.

Mr. Knox said he had spoken to a local restaurant owner who would like to sponsor an evening of entertainment. He would possibly want to bring in a radio station and would request periodic mention of his business from the radio host. He would also like a banner with his restaurant's name displayed. Mr. Knox said there could be some potential problems with the state and also the display of the banner. Mr. Knox said he would really prefer that this gentleman sponsor some other event such as Idol or Sandcastle.

Chairman Buckley said her concern is that the public needs to understand that it is the Precinct providing the bands. Whatever is decided, it will be necessary to check with the State and the Chamber.

Mr. Kubik said this would be a State issue. He said he didn't feel that the Commissioners should even be looking into this possibility. It really should be dealt with by our local Chamber and the State and even then he still was not comfortable with them pursuing it further. Mr. Kubik said he felt this could become a negative issue with our local Precinct businesses. Mr. Kubik said he would be comfortable with them sponsoring another event like the Children's Festival, etc.

**Moved** by Chairman Buckley, seconded by Mr. Rage, to allow Mr. Knox to investigate the possibility of this local restaurant owner's sponsorship of an evening of entertainment with the State and the Chamber of Commerce.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 1 no (Kubik). Motion passed.

Mr. Knox said confirmation has been received from Tops in Blue and the Air Force Land of Liberty is coming in for two dates.

Mr. Knox said he is looking for creative ideas for the end of August and Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Knox said a meeting should be set up to discuss parking and the loading timeframe.

### **Advertising**

John Kane, Marketing Director, presented a copy of the NE Traveler (from the Albany Times). He said we receive free advertising in this publication.

Mr. Kane said he is working with the State of New Hampshire. Their advertising dollars go abroad.

Anyone in the Precinct can advertise free of charge on the Precinct website. Contact Mr. Kane for more information.

Bumper stickers and the rack piece should be available by March 4<sup>th</sup>. The events calendar will be coming out soon.

### **Beautification**

Linda Gebhart said that the newsletter is out. It was sent to 550 addresses. She asked anyone who did not receive one to contact her.

Ms. Gebhart said the plaque is with the artist and almost complete. She showed a rendering. The plaque will be placed on a large boulder donated by Vic Lessard and will mark the beginning of Mile Long Bridge.

Ms. Gebhart, Geannina Scanlon and Sue Kempner have been working on the bench project.

Ed St. Pierre, Ocean Boulevard, said he had researched materials, etc. to get the bench project going. He will be meeting with the State in the near future and ask for permission to pursue this project.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

### **New Business**

There was no New Business.

### **Minutes**

**Moved** by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2008.

**Vote:** 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Rich Reniere said that there will be a public hearing at the Town Hall on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is about the funding from the parking lot revenue (Warrant Article #58).

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Buckley **moved**, seconded by Mr. Rage, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary